

WINGSPREAD

Hey boys!



Tops in Blue vocalist Airman 1st Class Erika Marino travels back in time with fellow cast members to the 1950's during the Air Force entertainment group's performance Feb. 19 in Hangar 4. The group entertained more than 1,000 Randolph men, women and children, with top hits over the last five decades during the 12th Services Division sponsored event. For the full story, turn to pages 16-17. (Photo by Dave Terry)

Base logistics experts garner 12 AETC awards

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Air Education and Training Command recently announced its logistics readiness award winners for 2003.

Garnering a total of 12 awards for Randolph people, six from the 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron and six from AETC headquarters, base members represented 40 percent of the command's 30 winners according to AETC officials.

The awards recognize individuals who excelled in providing outstanding logistics readiness support for the command this past year. Listed here are just a few of the many accomplishments for which they were recognized.

Airman First Class Andrea Gill, 12th LRS, was named supply airman of the year. During 2003, Airman Gill was responsible for merging complex equipment accounts of four organizations into one \$12 million account under the newly organized 12th LRS. Through her review of stock funds and requisition accounts, she saved the Air Force or recovered more than \$420,000.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Mata, 12th LRS, was named transportation NCO of the year. Sergeant Mata stepped in as unit maintenance foreman when the primary was deployed, and then was later deployed to Saudi Arabia, himself. As NCO in charge of the dispensing maintenance element of the 12th FTW, he managed a fleet of more than 400 vehicles, valued at \$34 million. Because of his leadership, the unit produced a 94.5 percent in commission rate for the fleet, and 97 percent for fire trucks and refuelers.

Tech. Sgt. Anjus Kelley, 12th LRS, was named supply NCO of the year. As NCOIC of the Hazardous Materials Pharmacy, Sergeant Kelley managed more than 3,500 hazardous material authorizations valued at more than \$4 million, in 82 organizational accounts. Through judicious use of government purchase cards, he saved the Air Force \$17,000 annually. Inspectors praised his purchase card programs as "Outstanding."

Master Sgt. Matthew Musick, 12th LRS, was named logistic plans senior NCO of the year. During the transition to the new Logistics Readiness Squadron organization, Sergeant Musick managed the acquisition of space, furniture and security infrastructure. In support of the wing deployment preparations, he authored a 154-page manager's guide and then trained 83 unit deployment managers on using it. The wing inspectors reported that his efforts were "significant (in raising) the readiness posture from marginal to excellent."

Lt. Col. Kurt Searfoss, 12th LRS commander, was designated as the Col. Cynthia Benulis logistics readiness field grade officer of the year. As commander of the 12th LRS, Colonel Searfoss led 255 military and civilian personnel through the transition from two squadrons into one. Among many other projects during the year, he managed the conversion of a 1950s-era fuels distribution system into a state-of-the-art, environmentally sound system that suffered zero fuel loss during construction. The project was then nominated for a Texas Environmental Excellence Award.

Gregory Bean, 12th LRS, was named the fuels civilian supervisor/leader of the year. Mr. Bean had direct oversight of more than 16 million gallons of petroleum and cryogenic products. He was directly responsible for fuels support to more than 31,500 aircraft sorties, including the vintage warbirds that flew during the 2003 Randolph Air Show. None of those sorties were delayed for fuels-related reasons.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Hector, HQ AETC, was named the logistics plans staff enlisted manager of the year. Sergeant Hector was the lead

Bioengineer named best in command

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron chief of industrial hygiene element was recently honored as the Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Company Grade Officer Bioenvironmental Engineer of the Year.

First Lt. Robert Schmidtgoessling was awarded the honor due to his outstanding work in the medical field.

"Lieutenant Schmidtgoessling is absolutely a first-rate CGO," said Col. Lawrence Steinkraus, 12th ADS commander. "He provides awesome

leadership and is a key player in the medical group."

Among other accomplishments in 2003, the lieutenant was handpicked from a group of peers to support more than 10,000 deployed coalition forces. In support of Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, he has provided weapons of mass destruction detection capability and operational support, as well as being involved as a member of several base organizations responsible for combating terrorism.

The lieutenant was also noted for his work during the mold scare in the dorms, when he collected necessary

data about mold and its health concerns for information at dorm meetings and during local news interviews.

"The information he gathered was critical in helping prepare for questions about the mold situation, both from on- and off-base personnel," said Colonel Steinkraus.

The lieutenant was also successful in mastering public health issues sought by 12th Flying Training Wing leadership during highly visible base crises, focusing on topics such as

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12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday Pilot Instructor Training		
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-5.0	-4.0
558th FTS	-9.6	-9.0
559th FTS	-10.0	-4.0
560th FTS	-4.1	-5.6

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Navigator, EWO training			
562nd FTS		563rd FTS	
Air Force	233	Undergraduate	51
Navy	76	International	0
International	1	EWC Course	0
NIFT	61	Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-1A	1,670	1,619	4,040
T-6A	3,480	3,486	9,103
T-37B	3,027	2,844	7,171
T-38A	3,468	3,373	5,674
T-43A	449	456	1,160

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions for the current month, and the required missions for fiscal 04.

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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

Illegal right turns at gates

I live off base, so every morning I wait in line while security forces members conduct 100 percent military ID checks on people entering the base. I'd say about three out of five days a week, I see an individual who feels he or she is more important than the rest of us, make an illegal right turn from the intersections at either the main gate or the west gate to skip past everyone else who is waiting patiently. It is to my understanding that the base security forces has jurisdiction to ticket these people; however, I understand that they are stretched thin and can't always be out there watching.

I was wondering if there was some way to have someone else waiting at these gates like a commander, chief master sergeant or first sergeant to pull these violators over and then have a security forces member write the violator a ticket. Maybe if enough people received tickets, then the word would spread and the problem would subside.

Like yourself, many people in the Randolph community have voiced the same concerns and frustration. I am sorry, but you were misinformed about the security forces jurisdiction and authority to issue citations for these illegal turns. The jurisdiction falls with the city, county or state law enforcement agencies. As manning permits, security forces members are stopping those vehicles they witness making illegal turns and briefing drivers on traffic laws and the consequences if caught by civilian law enforcement.

Also, our security forces have made contact with the Universal City Police Department and requested additional patrol coverage along FM 78, specifically in the area of the main and west gates during the peak traffic hours between 6 and 8 a.m.

The Universal City Police Department relayed that the fine for making an illegal right turn in those areas is \$180. However, I hope that each member of Team Randolph would use integrity first and if guilty of this act, will do the right thing from now on.

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Safety Office.....	652-2224	Commissary.....	652-5102
Housing.....	652-1856	Straight Talk	652-7469

Chief of staff discusses importance of safety

By Gen. John Jumper
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Over the past 10 years, we have prevailed in combat in Kosovo, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. We have toppled dictators, provided opportunities for democracy to flourish, and destroyed terrorist networks. We have demonstrated time and time again that we are the greatest Air Force in the world. I am very proud of our record in combat and in securing our nation's safety. But we aren't doing enough to keep our airmen safe.

During those same 10 years, the Air Force has lost more than 1,000 airmen in accidents that shouldn't have happened and could have been prevented. People are our most important resource and our greatest investment. We have to protect them. It is tragic to lose a fellow airman and every time we do we also lose a piece of our combat capability. We can do better.

I have rarely heard of an accident that couldn't have been prevented and I'm asking for your help in reducing our mishap rate by at least 50 percent over the next two years. Secretary of the Air Force James Roche shares this goal, and he established the DoD Safety Oversight Council to review our safety practices DoD-wide. But real change has to start with each of us individually. Commanders and supervisors are accountable for safety practices and

"All the oversight in the world won't help if our airmen don't take each other's safety — their survival — seriously."



Gen. John Jumper
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

performance and must take action to reduce mishap rates. Leaders have to make sure risks are balanced against mission requirements and mitigate the risks or stop operations when those risks become too great. Most important, we all have to get rid of the idea that safety is a concern only when "on-duty." Safety has to be part of every airman's daily life — in combat, on the commute to and from work, at home and on vacation — anywhere you might be.

Our ultimate goal is "zero mishaps." Some people may think "zero" is simply too hard to be a realistic goal. To my way of thinking, however, any goal other than zero implies that some mishaps are acceptable. But no mishap is. The moment we stop pressing forward we start falling back. Over the past decade, despite some excellent safety programs, we haven't made much progress in making the Air Force

safer. Instead, we've been moving in the wrong direction. Another program, procedure or lecture won't help. Each of us paying attention will. The right attitude about safety in peacetime is no different than how we feel about surviving in war. The difference is that any loss of people or equipment in peacetime means that they will never get to the war.

We know that the mission always comes first and our environment will always be "high-risk." Plus, the Air Force cannot become so risk averse that we jeopardize the mission. But we cannot fall into the trap of accepting accidents as a cost of doing business, and almost all accidents are preventable. First, we have to turn around the trend in motor vehicle collisions. Off-duty private motor vehicle accidents have steadily risen since fiscal year 1998 and remain the number one killer of our people. We're taking action to raise motorcycle safety awareness and skill level, but success depends on our people embracing and then practicing safe riding habits. We also have to decrease the rate of aviation accidents — midair collisions, controlled flight into terrain, and engine failures consistently drive mishap rates. We'll do our part to ensure that you get the training and the technology, but you have to put it into

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Congratulations Retirees

Today Master Sgt. Augustin Morales Air Force Personnel Center	Sunday Master Sgt. Gary Neal Air Force Personnel Center	Monday Lt. Col. Dale Butler Air Education and Training Command	Monday Joe Narro 12th Aircraft Maintenance Organization
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African extended family tradition thrives in U.S.

By Airman 1st Class Boto Best
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — An old slave proverb goes, “If you knock de nose, de eye will cry.”

In a nutshell, this means if you hurt one part of the family, you hurt them all.

Unlike many traditions lost in the passage from Africa to America during the days of slavery, the tradition of the African extended family system is one that not only survived but also thrived and still exists today. It thrived because in adverse circumstances, it becomes clearer people need each other to survive.

In his book, “Before the Mayflower — A History of Black America,” Lerone Bennett Jr. described the hierarchy of the slave community.

“There was an interesting and significant circle of elders who occupied a position in slave society roughly equivalent to that of the elders in West African society,” he wrote. “Older slaves were most commonly called ‘uncle’ or aunt’ and were revered and respected on almost all plantations.”

The West African institutions Mr. Bennett

refers to uphold the creed that everyone is responsible for each other. The extended family system is made up of not just the nuclear family, such as mother, father and children, but also aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, close friends of the family and even those who cannot provide for themselves.

In the extended family system, elders play a very significant role. They keep society in order, and their opinion is highly respected. Their age, wisdom and strength give them credence as leaders in society. And for that, they are held in esteem.

Even Frederick Douglas, himself a former slave, wrote about this topic in his memoirs.

“Among a people with so many trials to look in the face, there is not to be found among any people a more rigid enforcement of respect to elders,” he wrote.

In the extended family, raising children is everybody’s business. In African communities, such as where I grew up, any grown-up could discipline a child — and God forbid the child should go home and report it to his parents. He’s pretty much asking for more.

It’s a very close-knit community. The

wisdom behind this culture is that if a child does well, he makes the whole community proud. But more importantly, he becomes an asset to that community.

Now think about it in terms of the military where those values can and have crossed racial boundaries.

We, as a military, have our own extended family. We have elders and customs, and we signed up to be responsible for each other. We call our elders ‘mentors,’ instead of ‘aunt’ or ‘uncle.’ They keep our military family in order, and we respect them for it. We would never dream of insulting one of them.

We’re family, and we’re closer than we think. We all felt the pain when Osama Bin Laden ‘knocked our nose’ on Sept. 11, 2001. There was not a dry eye in America. Indeed, the whole world felt it and mourned. No matter what branch of the military you are in, every time we see reports of combat deaths, it’s a knock on our nose and our eyes water. As a diverse military, we have a unique opportunity to apply the values of the extended African family system and to be an example to the world.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

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practice. Seat belts don’t work if you don’t buckle them; helmets don’t save lives if you don’t wear them. Motor vehicle and aviation accidents drive the statistics, but accidents occur everywhere, like in the workplace and on the sports field.

I have established the Air Force Operational Safety Council, chaired by the vice chief of staff, to oversee safety matters. The AFOSC will monitor safety performance, examine new or emerging technologies from both the operational and safety perspectives, and direct required changes in Air Force policy, programs and investment. But all the oversight in the world won’t help if our airmen don’t take each other’s safety — their survival — seriously.

I need your help — let’s get it right on safety.

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Senior Airman
Brian Collins



Senior Airman
Kenneth Jensen



Senior Airman
Joseph Kernan

Airmen receive top honors at ALS graduation

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Three senior airmen received special recognition during the Randolph Airmen Leadership School graduation ceremony Feb. 20 at the enlisted club.

Senior Airman Brian Collins, 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, received the John L. Levitow award, presented to the student finishing at the top of the class.

Senior Airman Kenneth Jensen, Electronics Systems Command, received the academic award, presented to the student who excels academically on both the performance evaluations and objective phase tests.

Senior Airman Joseph Kernan, Air Education and Training Command, received the leadership award, presented to the student who exemplifies the characteristics and traits of a leader while attending ALS.

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

Let your family read or hear about your good news. Fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266 and bring it in to the public affairs office in Building 100. For more information, call Master Sgt. Lee Roberts at 652-4410.

NEWS BRIEFS

Wingspread correction

In the Air Force Personnel Center annual awards winners story featured in the Feb. 20th edition of the Wingspread on page 4, the wrong photo was used for Senior Master Sgt. Saint Carter Jr., AFPC Senior NCO of the Year.

The correct photo is shown to the right.

Change of command

Lt. Col. Terry Ross takes command of the 100th Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Dennis Yamrose, Jr. during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday in Hangar 4.

For more information, call 652-7121.



Senior Master
Sgt. Saint
Carter Jr.

Legal Office Closed

The base legal office is closed today for an official function. For emergencies, call 275-2435.

Prescription representative guidelines

A prescription representative is any person who picks up medications for someone else at the base clinic. This does not apply to parents or legal guardians picking up medications for their own children under the age of 18.

The representative must have his or her own photo ID, the patient’s photo ID or a photo copy of the front and back of that ID, and a signed statement from the patient authorizing the representative to act on the patient’s behalf.

Forms for this authorization are available at the base pharmacy. A medical power of attorney may be used as

the written authorization. For more information, call 652-4127.

OJT Trainee of the Month

Tech. Sgt. Frank Bove, Air Education and Training Command, is the base-level on-the-job training trainee of the month for January 2004.

He received a score of 90 percent on his career development course end of course exam, the highest CDC score for personnel in upgrade or qualification training.

NCOA membership drive

The Taj Mahal Chapter 122 Noncommissioned Officer Association will hold a membership drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Randolph Base Exchange.

Texan Flight team readies for another season

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

After a weekend full of intense training, the Air Education and Training Command's Texan Flight Aerial Demonstration team's newest members are fully qualified and ready for a new season.

The Texan Flight, designed as a tribute to military aviators past, present and future, features two-ship formation fly-bys of the legendary T-6 Texan – flown by virtually every military student pilot in World War II – and the T-6 Texan II, which will train the next generation of military pilots, said Maj. Chuck Stevens, T-6 Texan II show pilot.

Formed in 2002, the Texan Flight demo team, has performed at 38 air shows, with 10 demos performed in its first year and 28 more performed in 2003.

With the demo team's addition of the East Coast team, headquartered at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., midway through the 2003 season, the two teams – the other being the West Coast team headquartered here at Randolph – have been able to now double their shows. This year, they plan to perform at as many as 40 destinations.

But even as the team doubles their performance schedule, the public still wants more – which was shown at the 2003 International Conference of Air Shows, where the team received 85 performance requests.

“Air show crowds love everything about flying – the machines and the people in them,” said Maj. Cliff Baker, AETC demo programs chief. “After attending a few of the Texan Flight shows this fall, I found the crowd reacted very positively toward the show, even though the T-6 isn't as fast and loud as the jet teams. As the T-6 Texan II

joins up with the T-6 and passes in front of the crowd it invariably elicits some oohs and aahs. The contrast in the sounds of the motors, in addition to the recognition that they're experiencing a first-hand look at aviation history, leaves everyone smiling.”

Each Texan Flight team consists of two T-6 Texan II pilots with a mix of safety observers and narrators and a team of three to four maintenance personnel. There are a total of seven civilian pilots throughout the United States, who work with the team, flying the vintage T-6, depending on where the air show performance is.

Now 84 years old, and still flying the T-6 since the days of World War II, pilot Willie Walker is a huge supporter of the show and the senior advisor of the demonstration team. In fact, Mr. Walker even helped restore and now owns one of the T-6s the civilian pilots fly in some of the shows.

“It gives me great pleasure to see these youngsters and their motivation in doing what they do,” Mr. Walker said. “They do a great job performing for the crowds and they are very ambitious about showing off the T-6 – a true piece of aviation history. I'm very proud to be associated with such a great bunch of guys.”

In order to be a part of the Texan Flight Demonstration Team, each pilot – both military and civilian – have to go undergo training and become certified.



Willie Walker, center, poses with Texan Flight demonstration team pilots Bill Collins, Capt. Ed Martin, Pete Hunt, Maj. Sean Hook, Maj. Chuck Stevens, Capt. Kerry Tidmore, Alan Anders, Jim Tobul, Todd Almand, Jim Greeson and Kevin Russo in front of his World War II era T-6 on the Randolph flight line Feb. 20. Mr. Walker is the demo team's senior advisor. Pilots are listed from left to right. (Photo by Dave Terry)

The military demo pilots are selected and approved by their operations group or wing commander, and must undergo a training program which includes 17 training flights. It is during their 17th flight, that the AETC commander observes them and gives them their final certification as a demo pilot.

During the Texan Flight Training that took place last weekend, Maj. Gen. James Sandstorm, 19th Air Force commander, flew three missions as the certifying official for three upgrading demo pilots.

The lead civilian pilot, retired Lt. Col. Bill Collins, conducted the search for this year's new civilian pilot candidate, who like the other members of the team, is active in the air show circuit and has

extensive experience in the T-6. The civilian pilot training for the Texan Flight program is brief in comparison to the military pilots, but no less rigorous in the requirement to be highly disciplined and professional, said Texan Flight officials.

“We only want the best pilots on our team,” said Colonel Collins. “That is why each pilot has to first pass our qualification training.

“But I have a lot of confidence in every member we select to be a part of the team. We all share the same pride for our heritage and in what we do.”

The team's next Texas show is April 10 in Burnet, Texas.

For more information on the T-6 Texan II aerial demonstration team and the Texan Flight visit <http://www.randolph.af.mil/T-6/>.



A T-6A Texan II flies side-by-side with a vintage T-6 Texan. The two-ship flyby is called a “Texan Flight.” (Courtesy photo)



First Lt. Robert Schmidtgoessling, 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron chief of industrial hygiene element, performs an analysis of water to test for chemical contamination. (Photo by David Terry)

Bioengineer

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indoor air quality, lead-based paint, asbestos and water quality.

“I was glad I could help my community during crisis times, making necessary information readily available,” said the lieutenant.

During the past year, Lieutenant Schmidtgoessling was also recognized as the 12th Medical Group's CGO of the Quarter and received the Sharp Troop Award for his work during the time of smallpox vaccinations.

Lieutenant Schmidtgoessling added that he is honored to receive this award, and thankful to those who supported him.

“I know that the other CGOs in my career field all work hard and do great things, both at home and at deployed locations,” said the lieutenant. “I am just very fortunate that Randolph and the people I work with have given me the tools and experience needed to excel.”



Airman 1st Class
Andrea Gill



Tech. Sgt.
Michael Mata



Tech. Sgt.
Anjus Kelley



Master Sgt.
Matthew Musick



Lt. Col.
Kurt Searfoss



Gregory Bean



Tech. Sgt.
Ronald Hector



Master Sgt.
Harry Reese



Master Sgt.
Terrence Williams



Maj.
Denise Taylor



Stanley Gonzalez



Todd Martin

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logistics planner for the command in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His planning led to the swift and efficient deployment of 1,200 AETC logistics personnel in 150 teams, eventually supporting 20,000 AETC troops in southwest Asia. As the Chief of Central Command's Logistics Readiness Flight, he coordinated the movement of hundreds of allied troops in short-notice redeployments.

Master Sgt. Harry Reese, HQ AETC, was named the transportation staff enlisted manager of the year. Sergeant Reese is the AETC command superintendent of traffic management. In this capacity he developed many transportation concepts and applications, some of which were adopted Air Force-wide. He provided critical guidance to units that eliminated shortfalls in the movements of more than 1,000 tons of cargo. He secured airlift support for more than 30 medical outreach program visits to remote areas of the world.

Master Sgt. Terrence Williams, HQ AETC,

was the supply staff enlisted manager of the year. Sergeant Williams is the NCOIC of the command supply policy and procedures office, where he led the efforts to manage supply accounts for 1,600 aircraft, valued at more than \$30 billion. In one case, he was able to revamp a supply supplement validation program so that requirements can now be handled in one month instead of six, an 84 percent improvement.

Maj. Denise Taylor, HQ AETC, was designated as the Col. F. Badger Johnson Air Force logistics readiness staff field grade officer of the year. Major Taylor led a 35-member government and contractor team in resolving a myriad of challenges to the bed-down of the F/A-22 Raptor, the Air Force's top new aircraft priority. As a result of her leadership, the F/A-22s are now on the ramp at Tyndall AFB and the \$7.8 billion pilot training program is on schedule, according to command officials.

Stanley Gonzalez, HQ AETC, was named the logistics readiness staff junior civilian manager of the year. As the AETC command equipment management officer, Mr. Gonzalez led the effort to maintain 5,400 organizational records on 13 bases. This was

key to the units flying more than 579,300 hours, or 99.9 percent of the number programmed. He was responsible for training the team that did the allowance source code reviews for AETC's F/A-22 Raptors. The reviews were 100 percent successful, allowing a smooth bed down of 24 new aircraft and securing \$684 million for initial spares.

Todd Martin, HQ AETC, was designated as the James Bowie, Jr., Air Force logistics readiness staff senior civilian manager of the year. Mr. Martin is the AETC command deployment manager. He was directly responsible for rewriting the command guidance for deployment planning, said officials. His work with the reorganization of logistic units throughout the command into the Logistic Readiness Squadrons affected more than 2,500 people at 63 locations. He was selected to be the primary LG representative on the command antiterrorism and force protection committee that implemented 36 programs worth \$18 million, greatly improving security throughout AETC.

Each winner will now go on to compete at Air Force level later this year.

43 Team Randolph members vie for annual awards

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Team Randolph annual awards banquet is at 6 p.m. Thursday at the officers’ club.

More than 40 of the base’s top performers for 2003 are representing their units at the banquet and vying for the chance to be named the ‘best of the best’ in their respective category.

The nominees are:

Junior enlisted
Senior Airman George Wild II, 12th Flying Training Wing
Senior Airman Amy Humphreys, Air Education and Training Command
Senior Airman Renee Solis-Salcido, Air Force Personnel Center
Senior Airman Melanie Townsend, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

NCO
Tech. Sgt. Jose Sanchez Jr., 12th FTW
Tech. Sgt. Douglas Ray, AETC
Tech. Sgt. Adalberto Velez, AFPC
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Gideon, Air Force Services Agency

Senior NCO
Master Sgt. James Makransky, 12th FTW

Master Sgt. John Maples, AETC
Senior Master Sgt. Saint Carter Jr., AFPC
Master Sgt. Edward Blauvelt, 19th Air Force

Company grade officer
Capt. John Harris, 12th FTW
Capt. Christopher Chocolaad, AETC
Capt. Mark Murray, AFPC
Capt. Beverly Brown, Air Force Recruiting Service

Junior civilian
David Perry, 12th FTW
Kathy Iapichino, AETC
Jeannette Haugen, AFPC
Brian Ellingboe, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office

Intermediate civilian
Deborah Stone, 12th FTW
Connie Wells, AETC
Sandra Woolley, AFPC
Dawn Watts, Air Force Manpower Agency

Senior civilian
Mary Eddy, 12th FTW
Susan Huggins, AETC
Susan Krudwig, AFPC
Brian Deshaies, AFMA

Honor guard airman
Airman 1st Class Kevin Kimball, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Michelle Serbin, AETC
Senior Airman Joshua Bustos, DFAS

Honor guard NCO
Staff Sgt. Edgar Alonso-Bernal, 12th Comptroller Squadron
Staff Sgt. Angela Harris, 12th Medical Operations Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Vazquez, AFPC

First sergeant
Master Sgt. Michael Mitchell, 12th CES
Senior Master Sgt. Roberta Wyrick, 12th Medical Group
Senior Master Sgt. Van Johnson, 12th Mission Support Squadron
Master Sgt. Dean Ferris, 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Additional duty first sergeant
Senior Master Sgt. Prentiss Spivey, 12th CPTS
Master Sgt. Bruce Scott, 12th Communications Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Rick Gray, AETC
Master Sgt. Richard Bailey, AFPC
Master Sgt. Eartrey Jones, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron

Airman Leadership School opens new facility

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Last week the Randolph Airman Leadership School officially opened its totally refurbished facility in Building 66, on the west flightline.

Master Sgt. Lorrie Garrity, Randolph ALS flight chief who saw the project from beginning to end said she could not be more proud of the new schoolhouse.

“It’s not often that Air Force people are in one place long enough to see a major project through from initial concept to completion,” she said, “but I was fortunate enough to see this renovation project all the way through and it looks great.”

The formal ribbon cutting took place Feb. 19, and the first class to occupy the refurbished building graduated the next day.

Originally built at a cost of \$38,567, the one-year renovation project eclipsed that with a \$1.2 million price tag. Sergeant Garrity pointed out that the price included the costs associated with relocating the ALS during construction of the new facility.

Originally approved by General Hal Hornberg, then commander of the Air Education and Training Command, the facility was designed to reflect the best the Air Force could offer the young airmen who would be making career decisions after going through the school.

Each of the 12-14 students in a class has a computer terminal from which to access the base intranet and the world wide web, as well as to write papers and complete computer based training sessions.

The main classroom would do credit to any commander’s briefing room, with its computer displays and up-to-date seating layout. Even the foyer is equipped with a wall-mounted plasma display on which the students are welcomed



Cutting the ribbon for the official opening of the refurbished Airman Leadership School building are Master Sgt. Lorie Garrity, ALS Flight Chief; Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander; and Staff Sgt. Brent Myles, 12th Security Forces Squadron, representing ALS Class 04-3. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

by name and can catch the latest news during their lunch hour. A well-equipped kitchen is also close by to give students the opportunity to eat their lunches without leaving the building.

The ALS is the successor to the Air Force NCO Leadership Schools, a change that took place in 1992. By Air Force directive, all senior airmen must now attend ALS before pinning on staff sergeant stripes. Senior airmen are selected to attend the school based on their promotion line numbers, so that they will have completed the school before they

assume NCO managerial duties.

During the past year, 143 airmen finished ALS here. In addition, Randolph ALS staff members taught the same course at Laughlin AFB to another 32 airmen. The course runs for five weeks and includes lessons on how to manage work teams and write complete effectiveness reports, professional development — including drill and ceremonies — and how different organizational missions fit into the over all Air Force picture.

Even though the new building is a great asset, Sergeant Garrity is even more proud of her team of four trained instructors.

“Without them the course couldn’t communicate the real values the Air Force wants to develop in the next generation of NCOs,” she said.

The ALS building itself has a long and interesting history, according to Bruce Ashcroft, base cultural resource manager. The building was finished in 1932 as the parachute rigging building. That is the place where parachutes were inspected and repacked for pilots of the open cockpit trainers then flying at Randolph.

Today the two-story loft where parachutes once hung is now put to more utilitarian use, including “indoor toilets” and a kitchen. Until the renovations were done, access to the bathroom was only from outside doors on the end of the building.

The building also housed the west control tower, from which air traffic around the west side of the base was directed. The control tower cab on the roof of the building was enlarged in 1939 and rebuilt again in 1961, in which form it was used until this project began in 2002. Today the distinctive shape of the old style glass cab on the roof, readily visible from the street, makes the building a living relic of aviation history.

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Leaders call for re-energized suicide prevention efforts

By **G.W. Pomeroy**
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — After 11 active-duty suicides since Jan. 1 and 14 during the final quarter of 2003, Air Force senior leaders are asking commanders and leaders across the service to assess and re-energize suicide prevention efforts at all levels.

The 2003 calendar year suicide rate of 10.5 per 100,000 people was the lowest of all the military services and one-half the rate of a comparable civilian population of males between the ages of 20 and 50. As of Tuesday, the service’s suicide rate was 18.1.

In a letter sent to all major commands, the Air Force’s acting assistant vice chief of staff urges all airmen to continue pitching in to reduce the number of suicides.

“Suicide is not stopped by medical personnel in emergency rooms; it is stopped by addressing quality-of-life issues in the unit,” Lt. Gen. Richard Brown III wrote in the letter.

“The major components of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program are active leadership involvement, an emphasis on community involvement and a focus on prevention throughout the life of airmen and their families, not just when they are suicidal,” General Brown wrote. “Pay special attention to the quality of your suicide-prevention briefings.”

The Air Force requires active-duty and civilian personnel to attend suicide-prevention briefings once during the 15-month air and space expeditionary force cycle.

In light of the recent suicides — none of which occurred during operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom — General Brown urged commanders to “review how well we

Helpful information:

Suicide prevention tools

- “The Air Force Guide for Managing Suicidal Behavior: Strategies, Resources and Tools,” an 88-page clinical guide designed to assist mental-health professionals in assessing and managing high-risk behavior.
- The Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site, located at <https://www.afms.mil/afspp>, which is geared toward greatly improving access to suicide prevention information and materials.
- The 2003 Community Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing that includes slides and video.
- The 2003 Leadership Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing involving slides and video. This is geared toward wing, group and squadron commanders.

For more information, call the 12th Medical Group Life Skills Center at 652-2448.

continue to implement the 11 initiatives that serve as the foundation of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program.”

The 11 initiatives are outlined in Air Force Pamphlet 44-160, Air Force Suicide Prevention Program: Description of Program

Initiatives and Outcomes. The 11 initiatives are: build community awareness; leadership involvement; investigative interview policy; professional military education; epidemiological database; delivery of community preventive services; community education and training; critical incident stress management; integrated delivery system; limited patient-psychotherapist privilege and unit risk factor assessment.

Air Force leaders take a community approach in suicide prevention, encouraging every airman to take responsibility in reducing the number of suicides.

A key element of the program is to make a steady pipeline of suicide-prevention tools available for Air Force people at all levels. So far in 2004, the Air Force Medical Service has issued the 2004 Leader’s Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress, which is geared to help commanders, first sergeants and other leaders recognize when their people are distressed and how to respond appropriately. It also helps commanders link their people to resources and get them help as soon as possible.

The guide presents information on 35 distressing situations, provides checklists detailing potential behaviors or signs reflective of the person’s reaction to the distressing event and responses or resources the leaders may want to use in responding to the person’s needs. The guide was widely distributed as a CD-ROM to every squadron commander and first sergeant in the Air Force. The guide can be viewed on the dot-mil-restricted Air Force Suicide Prevention Program Web site, <https://www.afms.mil/afspp>.

For more information on suicide prevention, call the 12th Medical Group Life Skills Center at 652-2448.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Jury duty

Some military members may be excused from court tasking

By **Capt Marc Banjak**
12th Flying Training Wing legal office

Active duty members are routinely asked to serve on juries in Bexar and Guadalupe County.

Many members are under the impression that they are automatically exempt from jury duty because they are in the military. However, they are mistaken. Military members, just like civilians, are obligated to serve on juries in their community when asked, with few exceptions.

Those few military members who are exempt from jury duty are named in Air Force Instruction 51-301.

First mentioned, under paragraph 9.25, are all general officers, commanders, operating forces personnel in training (for example, the student navigators assigned to the 562nd Flying Training Squadron), and persons stationed outside the United States. All of these individuals are exempt from serving on state and local juries.

To assert the exemption, the person’s immediate commander notifies the court that issued the jury notice that, pursuant to 10 United States Code Section 982 and AFI 51-301, he or she has determined the member to be exempt from jury service. This notification should be in writing so that the member called upon has some proof the court was notified.

According to the AFI, in para. 9.25.1 and 9.25.2, all other military members can receive an exemption only if jury duty would interfere unreasonably with their military duties or adversely affect the readiness of the unit, command or activity to which they are assigned. A person’s immediate commander makes the initial determination and if he or she decides that an exemption is inappropriate, the member must serve jury duty. If the immediate commander decides that an exemption is appropriate, the member must then obtain final approval from the wing commander.

To make sure the wing commander has all of the information necessary to make an informed decision, a member must obtain a letter from his or her immediate commander recommending that he or she be excused from jury duty and setting forth why jury duty would interfere unreasonably with the member’s military duties or adversely affect the readiness of the unit, command or activity to which he or she is assigned. The member must then bring this letter along with his or her jury summons to the 12th Flying Training Wing legal office, in the “Taj Mahal,” room 219. The office will then draft a short legal review for the wing commander, along with his letter to the court excusing the member from jury duty. The legal office will deliver all of these documents to his office and once he has either signed

the letter excusing the member from jury duty or decided he or she should not be exempt, his office will return the documents to the legal office. The legal office will then contact the member to pick up the package.

If the wing commander has signed the letter excusing the member from jury duty, he or she needs to make a copy of the letter and mail the original to the court that issued the summons. If the wing commander does not excuse the member, he or she will need to report for jury duty at the time and place indicated on the summons.

The 12th FTW legal office has tried to streamline this process, but it is in need of some cooperation from members who are seeking an excusal, legal office officials said. In particular, the office needs the letter signed by the member’s immediate commander and the jury summons as soon as possible. The legal office does not have the authority under federal law or Air Force instructions to grant an exemption, only the wing commander can do that.

If a member does not receive a letter signed by the wing commander by the date of his or her jury service, he or she will need to appear for jury service. Local courts can issue warrants for the arrest of persons who do not show up for jury duty.

For more information, call 652-6781.

Good Neighbor: Water main project

(This “Good Neighbor” column is designed to help Team Randolph members be good stewards of our historic infrastructure. The column is planned to alternate with “Construction Corner” and will include helpful tips from our 12th Civil Engineer Squadron for facility managers and housing residents. I appreciate your continuing efforts to help maintain Randolph as the Showplace of the Air Force!
– **Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander)**

Randolph members may have noticed the large number of construction sites around the base. One in particular, involves replacing the 70 year-old water lines around the main circle and repairing the connections to many housing units. This project is a big one and should be complete sometime in 2006.

The 12th Civil Engineer Squadron is starting work on the east side of the main circle and

will work its way around it counter-clockwise. All residents that will be affected by this improvement will be notified prior to work being done in their area.

Each household may be disturbed for two days as connections are made to their units, and may experience trenches in their yards and parking inconveniences. In some cases, the engineers may also have to enter some units. However, the 12th CES wants Randolph residents to be assured the engineers are working their hardest to make the least possible impact on residents as possible during the construction process.

While driving around the circle, the engineers ask people to be cautious and watch for equipment and workers. Also if members see something wrong, they should call the energy management and control system at 652-3151. The 12th CES thanks Randolph men and women for their patience as it continues in its efforts to improve Randolph.

Randolph celebrates Women’s Heritage Month

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Women’s Heritage Month begins Monday, with the theme “Women - Inspiring Hope and Possibility.”

Randolph is celebrating in its own way, with many events scheduled throughout the month.

“The theme for this year’s celebration is significant,” said Dana Woods, Randolph Women’s Heritage Month Committee president and program manager. “Since the beginning of time, women’s dreams have been championed by women in our community who truly believe that with passion and conviction, we as women can not only create new hope but reach new possibilities.”

The following events are scheduled in honor of Women’s Heritage Month:

- Women’s Heritage Month kickoff luncheon – 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the

enlisted club

- Yoga class – 9 a.m. March 9 and noon March 12 at the base gym
- Reading hour for children – 10 a.m. March 9 and 12 at the base library
- Financial management seminar – 9 a.m. March 23 at the family support center
- Women’s health forum – 9 a.m. March 17 at the officers’ club
- Fun run/walk – 8 a.m. March 26 at Eberle Park
- Variety show and silent auction banquet – 5:30 p.m. March 31 at the enlisted club

“We believe there are many individuals who have encountered women of excellence in their work place or in a social setting, and these events give people the chance to honor those women,” said Ms. Woods.

For information, call Ms. Woods at 652-1201.

Tops in Blue

Soar into Randolph



Top Left: Capt. Dee Dee Vasquez revisits the early 1990's as she sings "I'm Every Woman," by Whitney Houston. (Photo by Dave Terry)
Bottom left: Tops in Blue vocalists Capt. Dee Dee Vasquez, and Senior Airmen Chad Goff, Jerome Wayne and Brian Pop perform one of the opening numbers to their show along with bass guitarist Staff Sgt. Ryan Soens. (Photo by Steve White)
Above: Senior Airman Jerome Wayne sings the early 1990's hit song "End of the Road," by R&B group Boyz II Men. (Photo by Steve White)

Layout and design by Maggie Armstrong



**By Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice**
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The 2003 edition of the Air Force's entertainment group Tops in Blue soared into Hangar 4 Feb. 19 entertaining more than 1,000 Randolph men, women and children.

The show, entitled "Soaring with Eagles," took base guests on a musical journey celebrating 50 years of Air Force entertainment and 100 years of powered flight, recapturing hit songs throughout the past five decades.

"The show was very successful this year," said Shelta Reese, 12th Services Division director of marketing. "Everyone I talked to thought the production was outstanding and the Tops In Blue cast and crew thanked us profusely for all the help and support Randolph members gave them."

From the start of the show, the Tops in Blue cast captivated the audience as vocalist Staff Sgt. Edward Bernal took them back to the era where it all started – the 1950s – a time of rock-n-roll music and swing dance.

"The show was amazing from start to finish," said retired Col. Charles Cahoon, who attended the show with his daughter. "I've seen Tops in Blue perform many times and each year the show just gets better and better."

Throughout the show, the cast revisited each decade with its most widely known hit songs, to include Patsy Cline's "Crazy," Tina Turner's "Proud Mary," and Boyz II Men's "Motownphilly."

Colonel Cahoon's daughter Michelle said her favorite act of the night was when some of the guys in the show dressed up as the Temptations and performed their hit song "My Girl."

"It was really awesome," Michelle said. "The whole show was great."

During the show, the cast also interacted with the audience as they danced up and down the aisles and greeted them.

Crowd members were also encouraged to participate in several songs – throwing their hands up for the 1960's classic "Shout" and forming the

letters YMCA with their arms during the Village People's 1970's hit song. The younger children were also given a special surprise as some of their favorite fictional characters from the last five decades came to life to include Snow White, Dorothy and the Lion from the Wizard of Oz, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, Buzz Lightyear, Spiderman, the Genie from Aladdin and even a California Raisin.

As the end of the show neared, the cast and crew changed costumes and the scenery for their grand finale – a salute to powered flight and to the men and women of the U.S. Air Force and all branches of the U.S. military. The cast sang several patriotic songs to include the classic "I'm Proud to be an American" and the Air Force Song.

"The entire show was absolutely wonderful," said retired Army Col. Dennis Dahanos, who attended the show with his wife and neighbors. "But I'd definitely have to say my favorite part was the grand finale – it was very patriotic, especially the closing song – 'I'm Proud to be an American.' Seeing everyone stand up and join in was very moving."

Known as the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers, this year's team of 35 active duty members will have traveled to 22 countries and performed more than 150 shows by the end of their tour.

To learn more about Tops in Blue, visit www.topsinblue.com.



Top: Staff Sgt. Amber Grimes performs a soulful rendition of Percy Sledge's "When a Man Loves a Woman." (Photo by Dave Terry)
Left: Senior Airman Jeremy Jordan performs Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass' classic song "A Taste of Honey." (Photo by Dave Terry)
Right: Airman 1st Class Rick Rosales serenades the audience with a rendition of the famous country song "I Swear." (Photo by Steve White)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enlisted dining-in

The base-wide enlisted dining-in is March 25 at the enlisted club. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. followed by the opening ceremony at 7 p.m.

Tickets are free for junior enlisted members, and \$25 for senior enlisted members. However, senior enlisted members who bring a junior enlisted member with them receive a \$5 refund.

For tickets, Air Force Personnel Center members should call Master Sgt. Tammy Robel at 565-2038; 12th Flying Training Wing members should call Senior Master Sgt. Glenda Solomon at 652-2727; and Air Education and Training Command members should call Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Campos at 652-7152.

Thrift shop Saturday sale

The thrift shop is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for sales, and from 9 a.m. to noon for consignments. Consignments are limited to 12 items, six of which can be spring or summer clothing. Winter clothing is not accepted.

For more information, call 658-5990 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Alamo Chapter NCMA luncheon

The Alamo Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is holding a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Building 854, training room 113. Maj. Michelle Cramer, Air Education and Training Command judge advocate, is the guest speaker.

A lunch of two pieces of pizza and a soda can be purchased at the luncheon. The cost is \$4 for NCMA members and for \$5 for non-members.

People can reserve a seat by calling Linda Byerly at 652-5188.

RFISD Board of Trustees

The Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees named superintendent Dr. Barbara Maddox as its nominee for the Texas Association of School Boards’ Superintendent of the Year.

12th SFS spouses meeting

The 12th Security Forces Squadron spouses meeting is 7 p.m. March 11 at Ronda Spurlin’s home.

Spouses can reserve a seat by calling 659-4327.

MOAA scholarship

Monday is the deadline to apply for one of the Military Officer Association of Americas’ 50 grants of \$1,000 for the 2004-2005 school year.

For an application, or for more information on eligibility, visit www.moaa.org, and click on the link “educational aid.”

Volunteers recognized

The 12th Flying Training Wing recognizes the following people for their volunteer support of the base community relations program by serving as tour escorts, speakers and judges during February.

Escorts: Maj. Steven Fouch, 12th Flying Training Wing; 2nd Lt. Vincent Heitman, 12th FTW; 2nd Lt. Amber Kimbrell, 12th FTW; Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Stokes, Air Force Personnel Center; Tech. Sgt. Jeff Womack, Air Education and Training Command; Staff Sgt. Susan Edmonds, 12th FTW; Staff Sgt. Shannon Lee, 12th FTW; Senior Airman Melissa Mintern, Air Force Occupational Measurements Squadron

Speaker: Lt. Col. Martin Nelson, 12th FTW

Judges: Lt. Col. Kevin Kirkpatrick, 12th FTW; Lt. Col. Michael Monaco, 19th Air Force; Capt. Jack King, AETC; Capt. June Rodriguez, AETC; Capt. Brian Humphrey, 12th FTW; Capt. Travis Leighton, AETC; Capt. Paul DiTullio, Air Force Recruiting Service; 1st Lt. Daniel Rigsbee, 12th FTW; Master Sgt. Garry San Antonio, AETC; Master Sgt. James Mayotte, AFRS; Master Sgt. Russell Schaefer, 12th FTW; Tech. Sgt. Stephen Rutherford, 12th FTW; Tech. Sgt. Jeff Womack, AETC; Staff Sgt. Shonda McEady, 12th FTW; Staff Sgt. Clinton Minor, AFPC; Senior Airman Darron Morgan, 12th FTW; Airman 1st Class Alexander Larsen, 12th FTW; Senior Airman Doyce Powell, AETC; Debi Barnes, 12th FTW

For more information, or to volunteer for any of these programs, call the 12th FTW Public Affairs Community Relations Division at 652-4407.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER 652-5321

Job fair coming up

The San Antonio military community job fair runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 24 at the Live Oak Civic Center.

For more information, call 652-5321.

EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

CCAF graduation cut-off date

Students must have all their transcripts, test results and education office nominations to the Community College of the Air Force by close of business today in order to become a Spring 2004 CCAF graduate.

If all requirements have been completed, and no notification of graduation has been given, e-mail jim.morris@randolph.af.mil, or call 652-5964.

ERAU

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Spring III term commences March 22 and runs until May 23. Students can register by appointment from March 8-11. Open registration is conducted from March 15-18.

Undergraduate ERAU students enrolling in the March 15 distance-learning courses must do so no later than close of business today.

To schedule an appointment, or for more information, call 659-0801.

St. Mary’s University

The last chance for students to register for the St. Mary’s University’s Spring Term II on Randolph is Tuesday and Wednesday. A late registration fee begins March 5. Classes for Term II start March 10.

For more information, call 658-4852.

UTSA

A representative from the University of Texas at San Antonio office of graduate studies is available from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the education center.

For more information, call 458-4335.

St. Philip’s College

St. Philip’s College offers a wide variety of Spring Term II classes at Randolph and Judson High School. Spring Term II is eight weeks long, lasting from March 8 to May 7.

On-base registration is Tuesday at the education center and campus registration is Thursday.

For more information, call 659-1096.

Computer application classes

The following applications classes are offered by the New Horizons Computer Learning Center on Randolph in the education center during March: Level I PowerPoint - Tuesday; Level II Excel - Wednesday; Level II Word - Thursday; Level II PowerPoint - March 9; Level III Word - March 10; Interpersonal Communications - March 11; Level I Access (Day 1) - March 16; Level I Access (Day 2) - March 17; Effective Presentations - March 18; Level III Excel - March 23; Level II Access (Day 1) - March 24; Level II (Day 2) Access - March 25.

Unit training funds must be used to pay for these classes. To enroll, call Linda Lawrence at 308-8299, ext. 108.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University outstanding students

Two Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students from Randolph were recently recognized for outstanding scholastic leadership as recipients of the distinguished Who’s Who award.

In December 2003, Senior Master Sgts. Terry Warren and Richard Gray joined an elite group of students from 2,300 international institutions of higher learning. Selection criteria included academic achievement, community service, leadership and potential for success.

CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

Protestant

Friday - Widow/widowers luncheon at noon in the chapel center

Saturday - Protestant Men of the Chapel breakfast at 8 a.m. in the chapel center

Sunday - Worship I at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1; Potluck social at 6 p.m. in the chapel center

Monday - Protestant Women of the Chapel luncheon at 11 a.m. in the chapel center; Protestant Advisory Council meeting at 3 p.m. in the chapel center; Male Chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Men’s Bible Study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - PWOC Bible Study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Liturgical Choir at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Thursday - Combined Lenten luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Children’s Choir at 5:15 p.m. in chapel 1; Precept Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1; Easter Musical practice at 7:45 p.m. in chapel 1

Catholic

Friday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. in chapel 1

Saturday - St. Joseph’s Men’s Group at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday - Mass at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 10:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 2

Monday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Contemporary Choir practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5 p.m. in chapel 2

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel

1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Cantor Practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Traditional Choir practice at 7:30 p.m. in chapel 2

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel center

Thursday - Lenten Devotional luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center

MOVIES 652-3278

Today

“Along Came Polly” (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Starring Ben Stiller - Reuben always played it safe until he met Polly, a friend from his childhood who likes to be adventurous.

Saturday

“Along Came Polly” (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Starring Ben Stiller.

SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS

Bargain warehouse sale

The bargain warehouse is open from 8 to 9 a.m. March 10 for airmen basic through senior airmen and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all others in Building 1139.

Limits may apply and all items have to be taken when bought.

Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Children wood skills project

Parents and children can build their own “Baja Buggy” from 10 a.m. to noon March 13 at the wood skills center. The kit requires little assembly, sanding and staining. The cost is \$5.

For more information, call 652-7422.

YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

Theater Camp

Teenagers ages 14-18 can apply for the week-long Missoula Children’s Theater Performing Arts Camp at Seeley Lake, near Missoula, Mont.

During the camp, teenagers undergo classes in voice, dance, stage presence and acting; participate in arts and crafts and water- front activities and enjoy camp fires.

The cost is free. Transportation to and from Montana, as well as all meals, lodging and activities are provided.

To apply, submit an application and an audition tape to: Randolph AFB Youth Center, 415 B Street East, Randolph AFB, TX. Audition tapes that were used for the Family and Teen Talent Contest may be used. Submissions must be received no later than March 8.

For more information, call the youth center at 652-2088.

Youth employment service program

Teenagers interested in earning money toward college through volunteer work can participate in the Air Force Youth Employment Service Program.

Through this program, dependents (age 14 to 18) of active duty members stationed at Randolph are given four years to complete 250 hours of community service. Participants who accomplish this are given \$1,000 to use toward college.

Applications are available at the youth center.

For more information, call 652-2088.

Paintball offered

The youth center is having a paintball outing with Lackland’s youth center 10 a.m. Saturday at Crossfire Paintball located near Floresville.

The cost is \$17 for two hours of play and 200 rounds of paintballs. The bus departs at 8:45 a.m. Early sign-up is required.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call the youth center at 652-4262.

ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

Family karaoke night

The enlisted club is hosting a family karaoke night March 10. The dining room will be open with a family style buffet from 5 to 7 p.m.

Greased lighting



Armando Hinojosa III, auto skills assistant manager (right), shares some tips with customers on how to fix a transmission. Mr. Hinojosa is certified every year through Automotive Service Excellence. The auto skills center is located in Building 873, and is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information on the services provided at the auto skills center, call 652-2952. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Bingo

Big Bucks Bingo is held every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club.

OFFICERS’ CLUB 652-3056

Band performances

The band “Circle C Band” performs from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. today in the Sky Lounge and the band “Papa Wood” performs from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. today in the Auger Inn.

CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

Camping special for March

Equipment checkout customers are afforded a two nights for the price of one special Monday through Thursday, excluding spring break, which is March 14-20. Cabins are available for \$65, shelters for \$35 and a tent site for \$10 for the two nights.

For more information, call the Canyon Lake recreation office at 1-800-280-3466.

Boat Storage

Customers can store their boat at the Canyon Lake open dry and wet storage. Dry storage is secured with 24-hour access and wet storage is available in both 8.5 feet and 10 feet widths.

Dry storage is \$40 per month and wet storage is \$75 and \$95 per month. The rental of any storage area also includes an annual park pass, which gives free access for vehicles and all occupants for a year.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Canyon Lake annual passes

People can now purchase an annual pass for entry into Canyon Lake for only \$45. Entry into the park is \$5 per visit, per vehicle.

Annual passes include a vehicle pass and boat/trailer pass, and is valid for one year after the date of issue. Also, annual pass holders are not charged the boat launch fee.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Canyon Lake Boating Safety Course

A free boating safety course is held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Canyon Lake welcome center.

For more information, call the Canyon Lake recreation office at 1-800-280-3466.

ITT & EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT 652-5640

Kinder Gambling Trip

The information, tickets and travel office is hosting a Kinder Gambling Trip March 23-24.

The trip, which costs \$37 for double occupancy and \$72 for single occupancy, includes round-trip, motor-coach transportation to the Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder, La., hotel accommodations, a continental breakfast, dinner buffet and tour guide.

The trip departs at 8 a.m. March 23 and returns at 9:30 p.m. March 24.

Texas Treasure Casino

The Texas Treasure Casino trip departs Building 897 at 7 a.m. Saturday and returns around 10 p.m. The cost is \$25. The trip stops for meals to and from the casino, at the customers’ expense.

Laredo shopping tour set

The next Laredo shopping tour is March 6. The tour departs Randolph from Building 897 at 7:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m.

The cost is \$25, and includes round-trip transportation and a tour guide.

Tours Unlimited

Customers can stop by the information, tickets and travel office, Building 897, to sign up for the following tours:

• Monterrey, Mexico trip

A trip is scheduled to the Sierra Mountains, 145 miles across the Texas border in Monterrey, March 12-14.

The trip includes two-night hotel accommodations, round trip motor coach transportation and a tour guide.

The tour returns at 7 p.m. March 14.

The cost is \$178 per person for double occupancy, or \$239 for single occupancy.

• Hill Country Flyer

People can enjoy a train ride through the countryside near Cedar Park, Leander and Burnet, Texas, March 27. The tour departs at 8 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Lunch and dinner are at the customers’ expense.

People must sign up by March 12. The cost is \$58 a person.

• Painted Churches in Flatonia

On April 10, tour the painted churches of Flatonia, built by 19th century immigrants. The motor coach departs from ITT at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 8 p.m. The cost is \$63, and includes round trip transportation, a guide for the painted church tour and a buffet lunch.

• All tours require payment at the time of sign up. The deadline to sign up is one week prior to the tour date unless otherwise indicated.

ITT has tickets to the following shows:

- Disney On Ice Presents: “Monsters Inc.” at the Alamodome, March 11-14. Ticket prices range from \$18-\$44.
- The Producers at the Majestic Theater, Tuesday through March 7. Tickets range from \$54-\$80.

Boating safety class

Outdoor recreation hosts a boating safety class Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in Building 1139.

To sign-up, call 652-3702.

SKILLS CRAFT CENTER 652-5142

The skills craft center offers the following classes in March:

Black and white photography class

Students learn the basics of black and white photography. The cost is \$25 which includes supplies for the two session course. The next class is from 6 to 8 p.m. March 16 and 23.

Pouring ceramics classes

Beginning March 6, students can learn how to pour ceramics, properly care for molds and attachments, draping and how to use stains and glazes.

The cost is \$35 plus supplies. Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday in March.

Stained glass classes

Students learn the basics of copper foil and how to cut and grind an 8x10 panel.

The cost is \$35 plus supplies for the four-session course. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Custom framing classes

Students learn color and material selection, measuring, mat and glass cutting, and frame assembly. Classes are held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays. The cost is \$45 and includes supplies.

Pottery wheel classes

Students learn clay preparation and work on the potter’s wheel.

The cost is \$35 plus supplies. Classes are held in four sessions at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning March 2nd or March 3rd.

Bump, set, spike!



Above: Air Force Personnel Center’s Mike Green spikes the ball past 563rd Flying Training Squadron defenders Dana Gunter and Dave Philpott during an intramural volleyball scrimmage game Tuesday. Right: Joe Cua, 563rd Flying Training Squadron, bumps the volleyball up to be set during a scrimmage game against the Air Force Personnel Center Tuesday. AFPC beat the 563rd FTS 25-13 and then tied them 22-22. The second match was called short so the next teams could play. The regular intramural volleyball season begins next week. (Photos by Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice)



Students lift their way to top of competition

By Jeff Duffield
Randolph Field Independent School District
Public Affairs

Randolph High School’s powerlifters recently walked away with 13 awards at the Medina Valley Powerlifting Competition. Altogether the Randolph girls and boys earned four first place awards as well as two third place ribbons, four fourth place awards and three fifth places. The girls’ powerlifting team finished second in the tournament, while the boys powerlifting team recorded a fifth place overall. First place honors in the boys’ events went to Jade McArthur in the 165-pound class and Moton Hopkins in the 242-pound class.

Finishing with top honors for the girls were Paige Carpenter in the 198-pound class, and Jamonyca Wilson in the 148-pound class. Third place ribbons in the girls’ competition were won by Stacia Larry in the 148-pound class and Kari Woodland in the 123-pound class. A fourth place award in the boys’ class was won by Roy Steward in the 132-pound class, while in the girls’ division fourth place honors were won by Leah Solomon in the 105-pound class, Aleshia Bailey in the 132-pound class, and Ashley Escobedo in the 148-pound class. Fifth place finishes among the boys went to John Flores in the 132-pound class and to Derek Copeland in the 198-pound class. Capturing fifth place honors in the girls’ competition was Stephanie Kochart.

Randolph High boy’s varsity team qualifies for Texas UIL 2A playoffs

By Jack Burns
Randolph Ro-Hawks sports writer

The Randolph High School boy’s varsity basketball team, with a record of 23-5, has qualified for the Texas University Interscholastic League 2A playoffs. This marks 12 straight appearances in the playoffs for the Ro-Hawks in their bid for the state crown. During this time, the team reached the regional tournament five times and the semi-finals twice. “Late season injuries have hurt us

a couple of times, which contributed to our missing the region tournament, but that is part of the game,” said Ro-Hawk Coach Tim Gendron. The coach went on to say that the Ro-Hawk’s “effective defense and team chemistry” are the most important ingredients for the successful program they have. “There is no doubt that the tradition we have established over the years -- setting high goals and working to achieve them -- has had a very positive effect on our student athletes,” Coach Gendron said.

SPORTS SHORTS

Aerobathon scheduled

The fitness center hosts a Heart Smart Body and Soul Aerobathon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the fitness center annex. This event showcases several different types of fitness and cardiovascular demonstrations to include a cycle class, intro to pre/post pregnancy exercises, intro to basic weight training, yoga and several other variations of exercises and fitness. For more information, call 652-5316.

Varsity men’s softball tryouts/training camp

The base fitness center hosts a tryouts/training camp Monday through March 11 at Rambler Field for men interested in playing for the 2004 Randolph men’s varsity softball team. Sessions begin at 5:15 p.m. each day. All active duty and retired military members, Department of Defense civilians and family members of active duty assigned to Randolph are eligible to play. For more information, call Master Sgt. Steve Shortland at 565-2671 or Rob Collins at 652-2955.

Varsity women’s softball sign-ups underway

Women interested in playing for the Randolph Lady Ramblers varsity softball team can now sign-up at the fitness center. All active duty members, Department of Defense civilians and family members of active duty

assigned to Randolph are eligible to play. For more information, call 652-5316.

Varsity softball coaches needed

Anyone interested in coaching the Randolph men’s or women’s varsity softball teams should fill out an Air Force Form 303, “Specialized Sports Training,” and submit it to the base fitness center staff. For more information, call 652-5316.

Youth golf classes offered

The base youth center and the local Boys and Girls Clubs are co-hosting a basic golf class Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at Brackenridge Park. Free golf balls and equipment are issued. This class is open to youth center members ages 10 to 18. For more information, call the youth center at 652-2088.

Youth center baseball registration underway

The youth center is holding baseball registration now through March 13 for children ages 5 to 16. Registration runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Five and 6 year olds play co-ed. The cost is \$35 per player, with a \$15 additional fee for those children whose annual fees are not current.

The maximum player fee is \$70 per family. For more information, call 652-2088.

Bench press competition

The fitness center hosts the Greater Randolph Lunch Time Bench Press Competition from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 12. Participation is free. Registration begins March 5 at the fitness center. For more information, call 652-5316.

Race for the Cure

The 7th Annual Susan B. Komen San Antonio Race for the Cure is March 27 at the Alamodome. Military teams of 10 or more can register early. The deadline for team registration is March 5. For more information, visit www.sako-men.org.

Relay for Life

The 3rd Annual Greater Randolph Area Relay for Life runs from 7 p.m. May 14 to 7 a.m. May 15 at Pickrell Park in Schertz, Texas. The event is a 12-hour relay, which requires one team member to be on the track walking or running at all times during the event. Military teams of 8-15 members can sign-up. Registration runs until the first day of the event. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Amanda Harness at 652-2619 or Carrie Waterman at 595-0219.